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WASHINGTON, July 29, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 24 totaled an estimated 14.9 billion ton-miles, 14.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 472.7 billion ton-miles, 10.1 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 24 totaled 351,991 cars, 18.2 percent below 1981, but 2.7 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 25.3 percent in the East, 16.1 percent in the South, and 14.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, grain loadings increased by 6,262 cars, or 29.4 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 17 totaled 35,821 cars, up 14.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 63,302 trailers and/or containers, 13.0 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 1,030.399 cars, 8.4 percent higher than last year, and 1,824,994 trailers and/or containers, up 6.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/24/82:

| | Loadings in Week ended July 24, 1982 | | Change from Corresponding Week 1981 | | | Change from Preceding Week | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Cars | | Cars | Percent | | Cars | Percent |
| Grain | 27,543 | I | 6,262 | 29.4 | I | 599 | 2.2 |
| Other farm products | 3,776 | I | 688 | 22.3 | D | 843 | 18.3 |
| Metallic ores | 13,320 | D | 23,606 | 63.9 | D | 237 | 1.7 |
| Coal | 105,984 | D | 21,152 | 16.6 | I | 4,772 | 4.7 |
| Crushed stone, gravel and sand | 9,611 | D | 3,850 | 28.6 | D | 327 | 3.3 |
| Nonmetallic minerals | 10,569 | D | 3,923 | 27.1 | I | 1,495 | 16.5 |
| Grain mill products | 11,139 | D | 2,824 | 20.2 | D | 260 | 2.3 |
| Food and kindred products | 12,785 | D | 2,186 | 14.6 | D | 43 | 0.3 |
| Primary forest products | 14,802 | D | 3,497 | 19.1 | D | 457 | 3.0 |
| Lumber and wood products except furniture | 6,047 | D | 2,190 | 26.6 | I | 218 | 3.7 |
| Pulp, paper and allied products | 15,411 | D | 3,560 | 18.8 | I | 811 | 5.6 |
| Chemicals and allied products | 19,682 | D | 4,734 | 19.4 | I | 175 | 0.9 |
| Petroleum products | 4,697 | D | 416 | 8.1 | I | 100 | 2.2 |
| Stone, clay and glass products | 10,108 | D | 3,718 | 26.9 | D | 64 | 0.6 |
| Coke | 4,198 | D | 2,023 | 32.5 | D | 214 | 4.9 |
| Metals and products | 7,893 | D | 6,731 | 46.0 | I | 301 | 4.0 |
| Motor vehicles and equipment | 14,168 | I | 915 | 6.9 | I | 254 | 1.8 |
| Waste and scrap materials | 7,038 | D | 3,879 | 35.5 | D | 128 | 1.8 |
| Forwarder and shipper association traffic | 7,750 | D | 1,558 | 16.7 | I | 145 | 1.9 |
| All other carloads | 45,260 | I | 3,549 | 8.5 | I | 2,847 | 6.7 |
| LCL traffic | 210 | I | 29 | 16.0 | I | 7 | 3.4 |
| Total Cars Loaded | 351,991 | D | 78,404 | 18.2 | I | 9,151 | 2.7 |
| Corresponding week of 1981 | 430,395 | | | | | | |

| | 1982 | 1981 | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks) | 10,987,446 | 12,413,535 | D 11.5 |
| Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions): | | | |
| 29 Weeks cumulative | 457.8 | 508.5 | D 10.0 |
| Week ended July 24 | 14.9 | 17.3 | D 14.3 |
| 30 Weeks cumulative | 472.7 | 525.8 | D 10.1 |

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